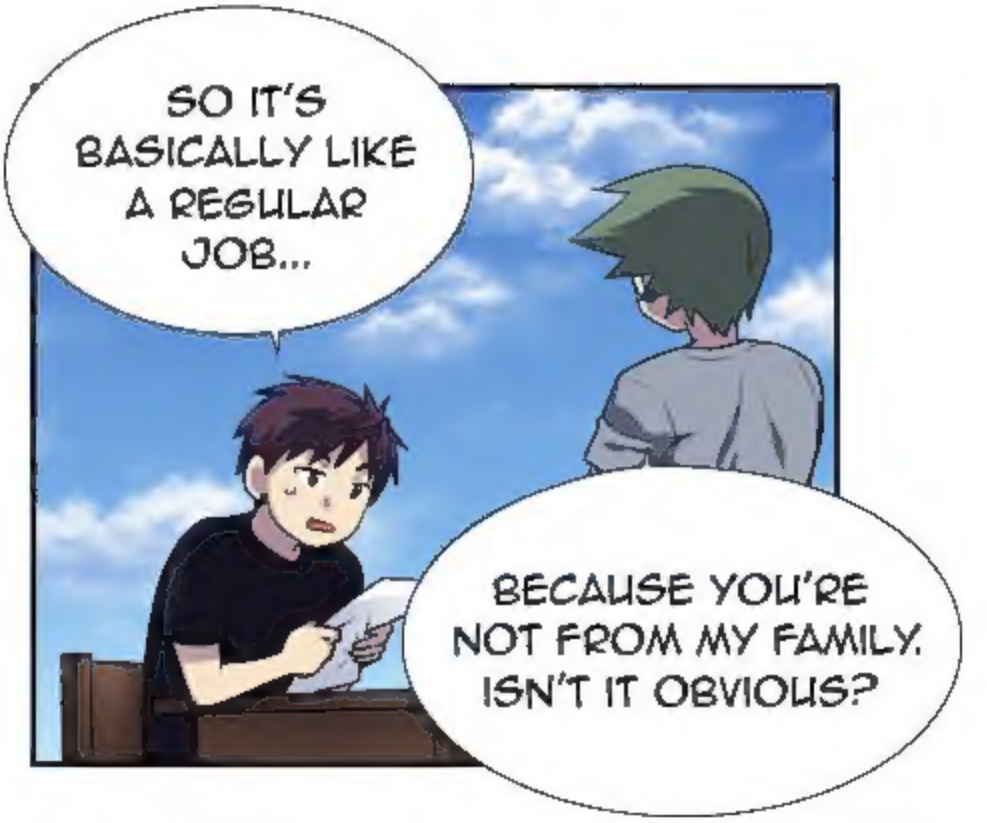
# THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A


SO IT'S BASICALLY LIKE A REGULAR JOB...
BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT FROM MY FAMILY. ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

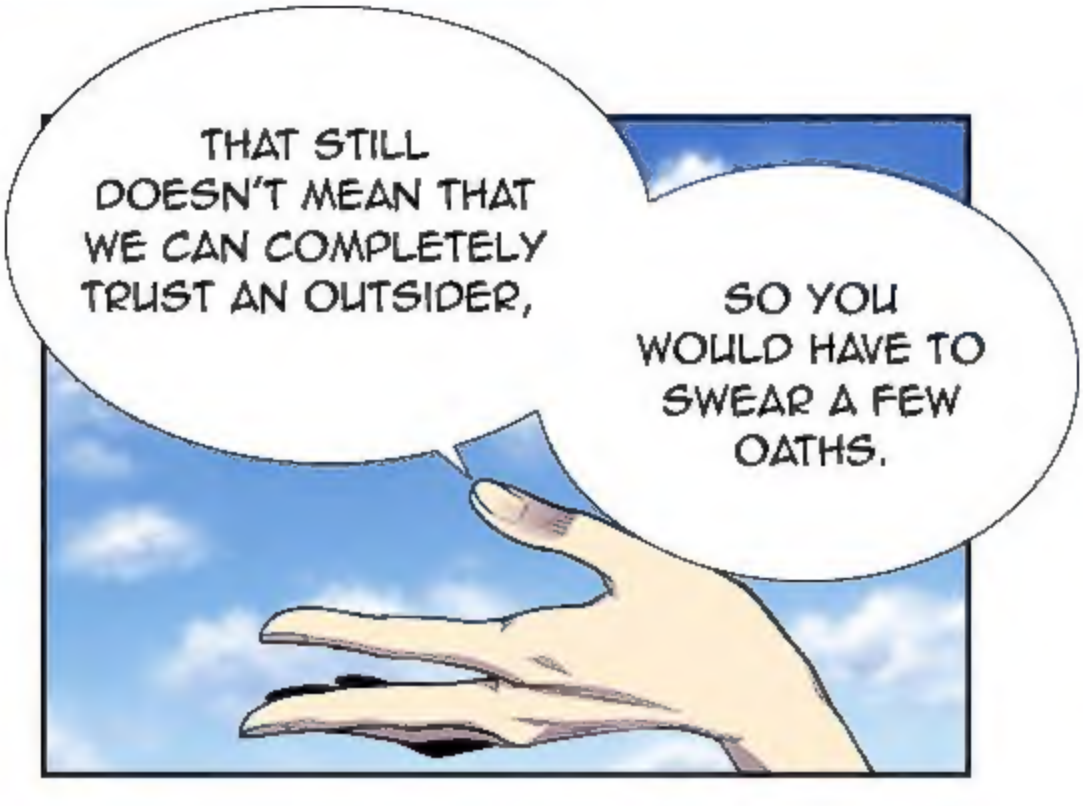
THERE IS ONE WAY FOR YOU TO BECOME AN INTERNAL EMPLOYEE...
WHAT IS IT?

MARRIAGE.

YOU WOULD HAVE TO MARRY A GIRL FROM ONE OF THE SHIN, PUNG, WOON OR WOO FAMILIES.
IN YOUR CASE... YEAH,
YOU WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO MARRY SEYOUNG.

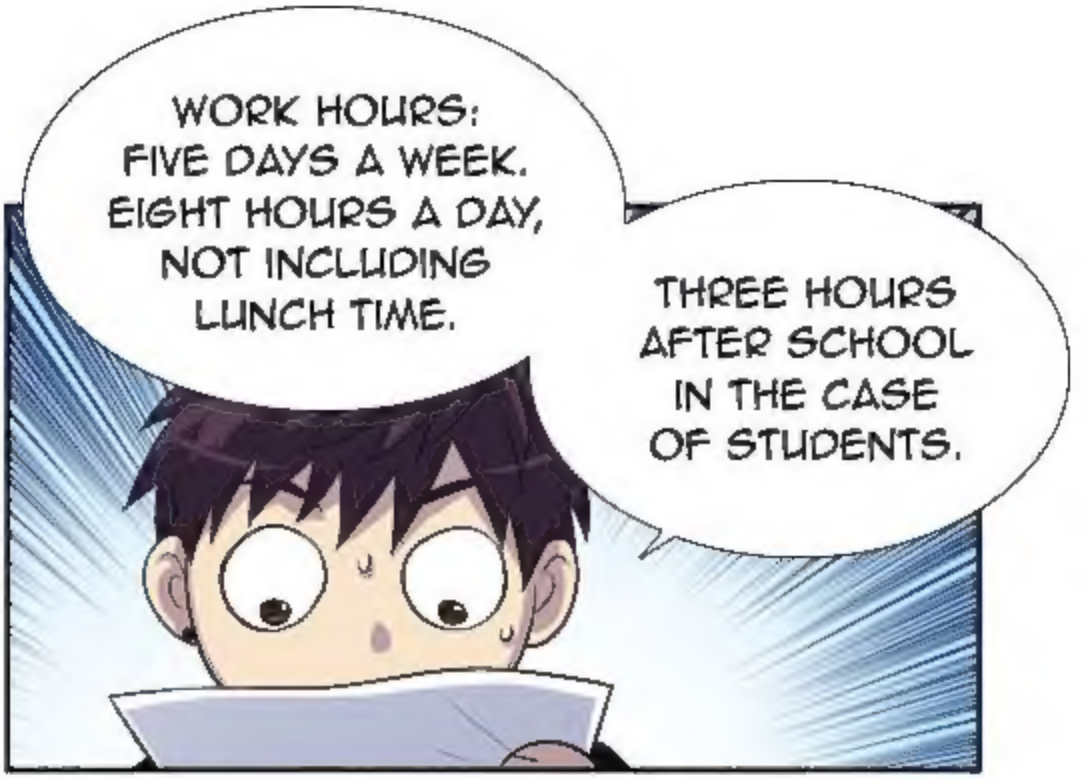
I-IS THIS ALLIES-BY-MARRIAGE THING?

THAT'S THE LEAST THING YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO.


THAT STILL DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN COMPLETELY TRUST AN OUTSIDER,
SO YOU WOULD HAVE TO SWEAR A FEW OATHS.

MAGICAL OATHS?
YES.
I'M SCARED...

FOR NOW, JUST FILL OUT THE PAPER.
HM? OKAY.


WORK HOURS: FIVE DAYS A WEEK. EIGHT HOURS A DAY, NOT INCLUDING LUNCH TIME.
THREE HOURS AFTER SCHOOL IN THE CASE OF STUDENTS.

JUST LIKE A NORMAL COMPANY?!
THERE'S A MONTHLY SALARY TOO?
YEAH, SINCE WE'RE HIRING YOU.

BUT...
A MONTHLY SALARY DOESN'T MEAN MUCH TO YOU, DOES IT?
AH... WELL, THAT'S TRUE.

AH, IN RETURN, YOU HAVE TO SELL ALL OF THE ITEMS YOU DIG UP ONLY TO US FROM NOW ON.
WE'LL GIVE YOU A FAIR PRICE.
I'M FINE WITH THAT.

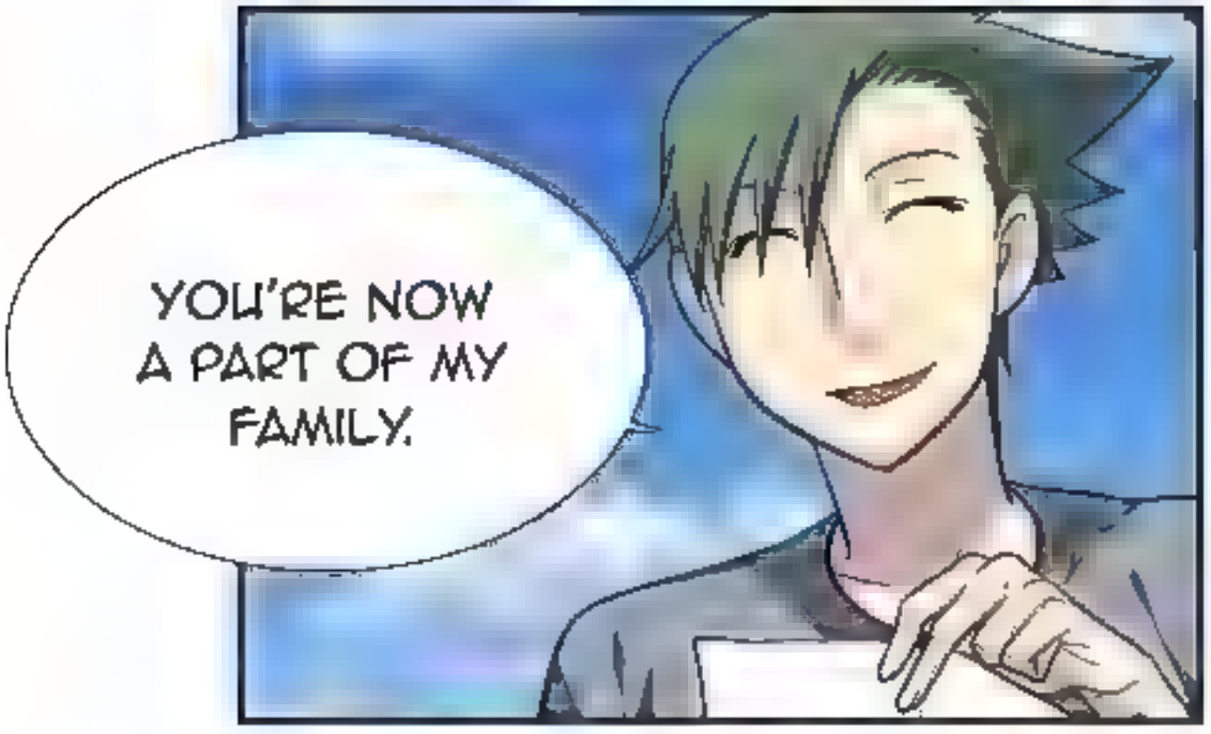
SEOUL SEONOH SHIN
: SEOUL
: 010-1234-XXXX
: JIHAN HAN
SSK
I'LL KEEP WHAT I'M GOING TO USE TO MYSELF, THOUGH.

DING
DO YOU WISH TO JOIN THE 'CHEON BU CLAN' GUILD?
CONSENT
REFUSE

HUH....
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S JUST, RIGHT AFTER I SIGNED IT, THIS MESSAGE CAME UP ASKING IF I WANT TO JOIN THE GUILD...
IT MUST BE THE MAGIC.
NEW MEMBER
NAME
ADDRESS
WHEN YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT, IT ACTIVATES A MAGICAL EFFECT.
I SEE.

CLICK
CONSENT
REFUSE

SWOSH


YOU'RE NOW A PART OF MY FAMILY.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BOTH EATING FROM THE SAME POT NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT.

I JUST JOINED THE GUILD... BUT NOTHING'S REALLY HAPPENING.
I THOUGHT THE GAME SYSTEM WOULD GIVE ME SOME KIND OF BUFF.
OF COURSE NOT. WE'RE NOT A REGULAR 'COMPANY.'
I GUESS.

ALRIGHT, NOW YOU'VE SIGNED THE CONTRACT,
I'LL WALK YOU THROUGH.

YOU MAY BE AN OUTSOURCED EMPLOYEE,
BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO MEET EVERYONE.
HUH?

AND SO
I BECAME A
MEMBER OF
CHEON BU CLAN.

IT ALL HAPPENED
AS QUICKLY AS A
BEAN GETTING
ROASTED BY
LIGHTNING...

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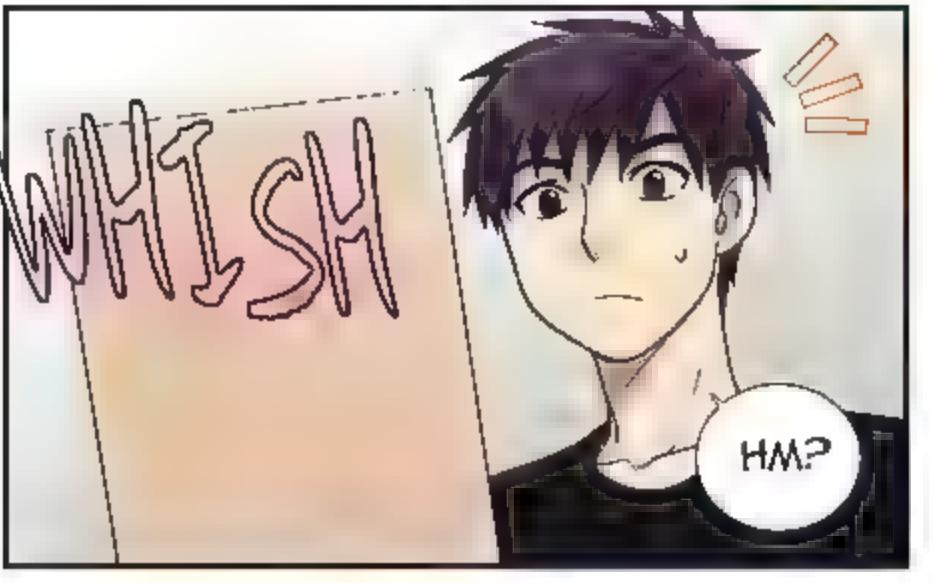
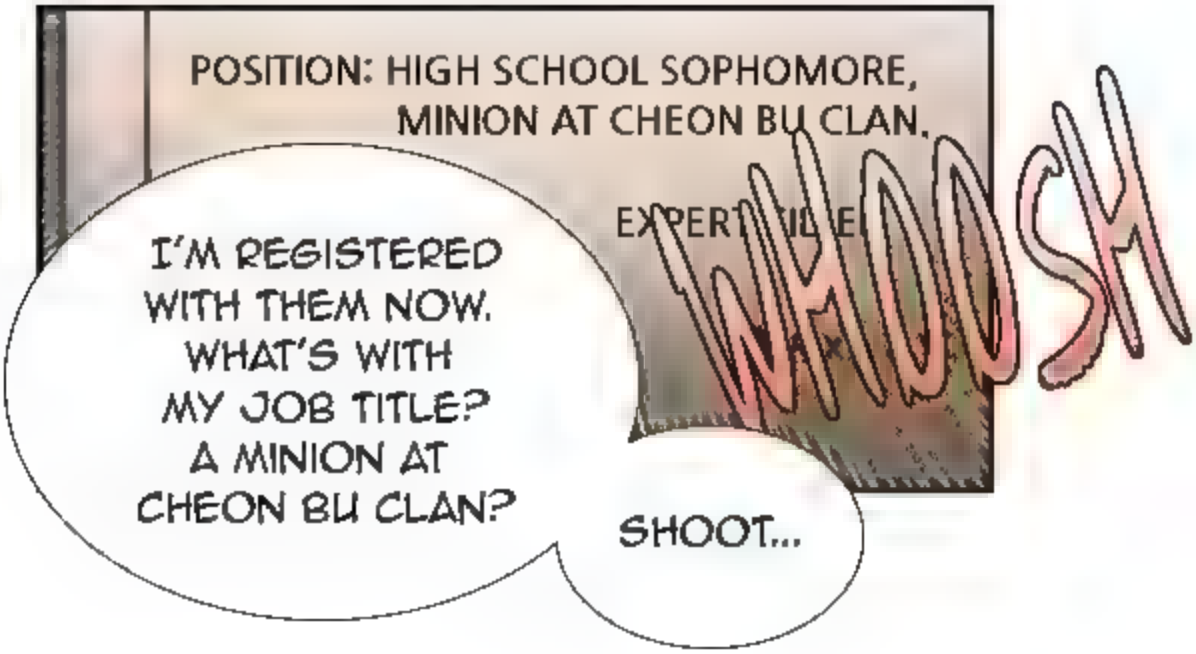
STATUS WINDOW.




POSITION: HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE,
MINION AT CHEON BU CLAN.
EXPERT
WHOOSH
I'M REGISTERED WITH THEM NOW. WHAT'S WITH MY JOB TITLE? A MINION AT CHEON BU CLAN?
SHOOT...

HEY. SHUT UP AND FOCUS, GOT IT?
SSK
AH. SORRY.

ANYWAY...
PAY ATTENTION.
WHAT IS OUR MAIN PHILOSOPHY?
PROTECTING THE KOREAN PEOPLE!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT THAT PART DOWN PRETTY WELL.

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, THE CHEON BU CLAN IS A SECRET ORGANIZATION THAT HAS PROTECTED THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR GENERATIONS.

THROUGHOUT ITS LONG HISTORY, THERE HAVE BEEN LOTS OF INTERNAL CONFLICTS, WHICH LED TO SEPARATION OF DIFFERENT FACTIONS IN THE END.

"DAN UI GUILD?"

UH, WELL... THEY'RE BRANCHED FROM THE BANG FAMILY...
THEY'RE ACTUALLY EVEN STRONGER THAN MY FAMILY, AND WE'RE THE MAIN FAMILY OF THE ORGANIZATION.
THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS FOR THAT,

BUT THE BIGGEST ONE IS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE INHUMAN PATH.
INHUMAN PATH?

A PATH THAT GOES AGAINST WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.
BASICALLY IT MEANS DOING SOMETHING WRONG.
SO...

THEY ACCUMULATED POWER BY COMMITTING TERRIBLE CRIMES.

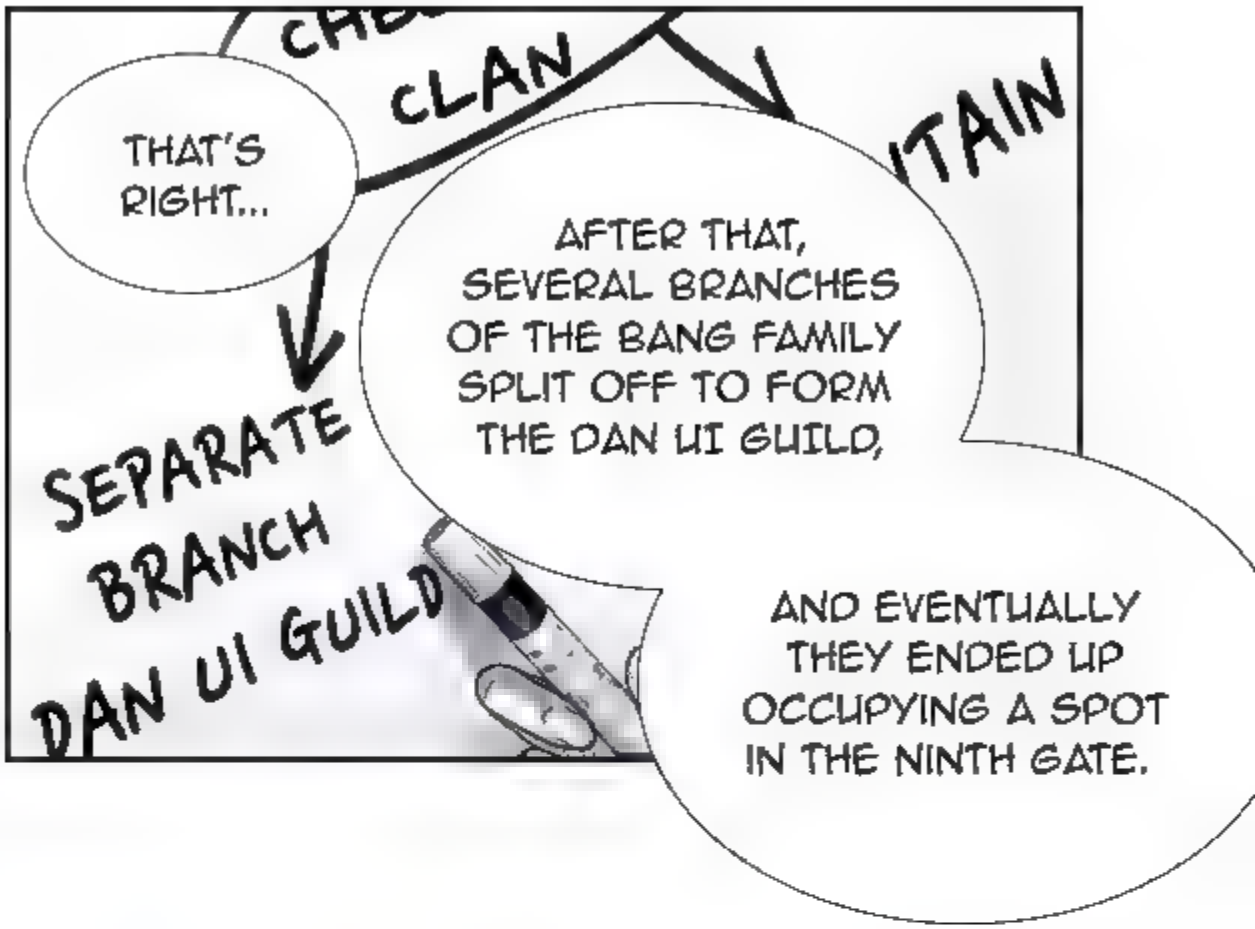
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE...?

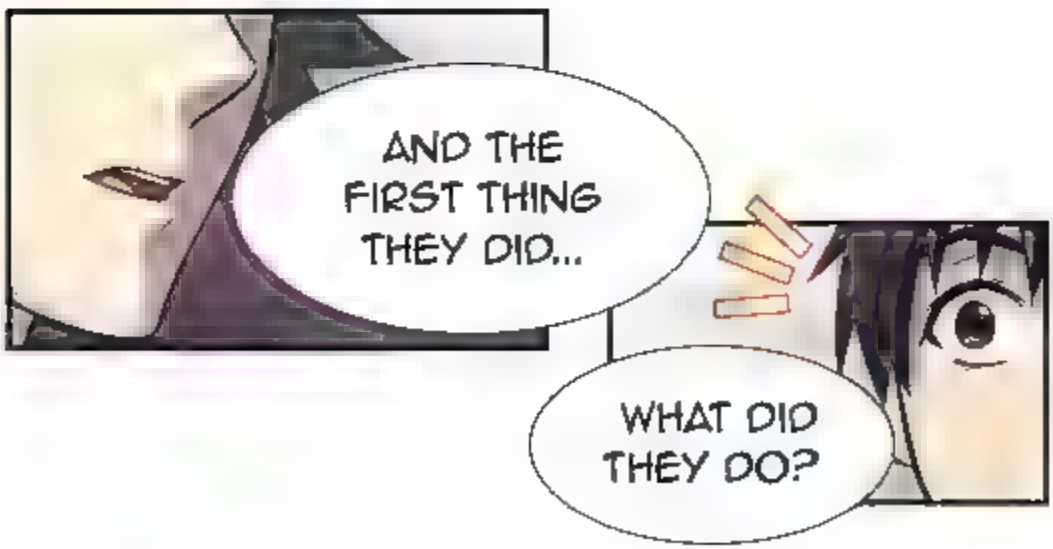
OF COURSE. WHY WOULDN'T IT BE?
PEOPLE DO WHATEVER THEY CAN.

AND IT'S KIND OF FUNNY...
BUT THE DAN UI GUILD ACTUALLY HAVE THE SAME GOAL AS US.

YOU MEAN...
PROTECTING THE KOREAN PEOPLE?

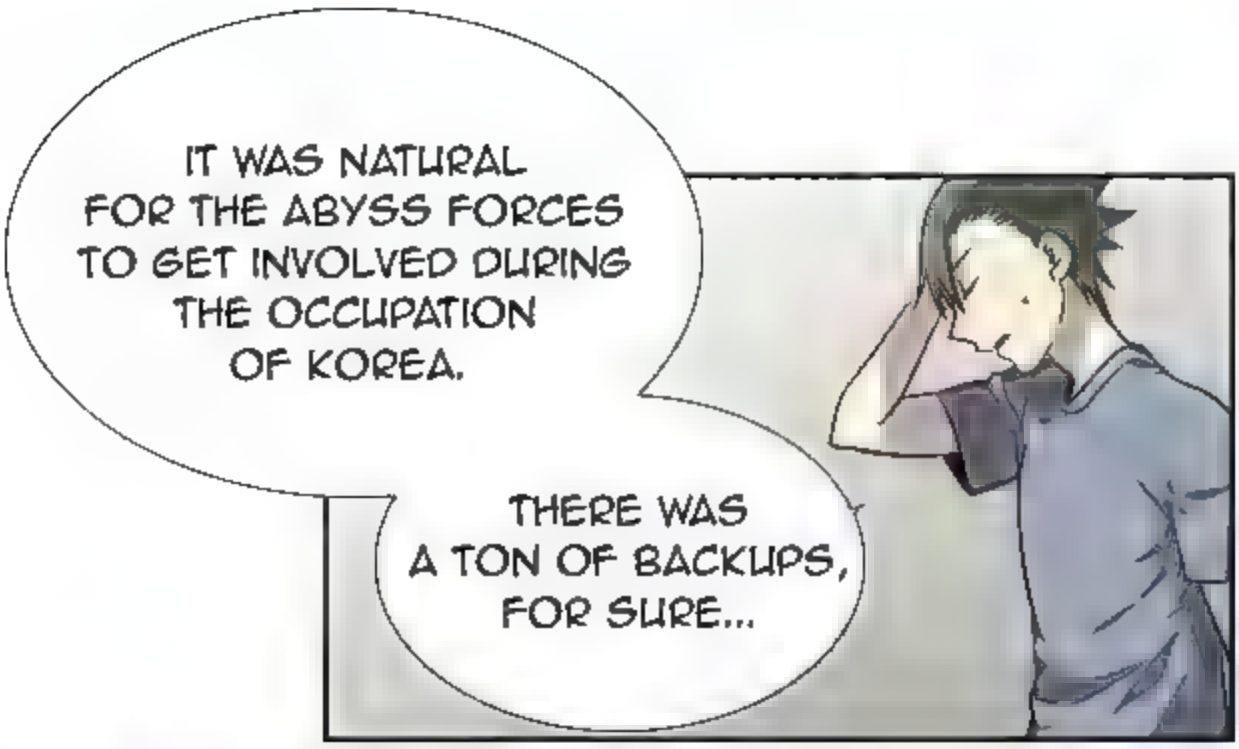
CORRECT.
DEFENDING THE KOREAN PEOPLE AT ALL COSTS...
THAT'S THEIR PHILOSOPHY.
THEY STARTED ASSERTING THAT BECAUSE OF THE WORLD WAR II...
BECAUSE OF THE JAPANESE COLONIAL PERIOD?


CLAN
ITAIN
THAT'S RIGHT...
AFTER THAT, SEVERAL BRANCHES OF THE BANG FAMILY SPLIT OFF TO FORM THE DAN UI GUILD,
SEPARATE BRANCH
DAN UI GUILD
AND EVENTUALLY THEY ENDED UP OCCUPYING A SPOT IN THE NINTH GATE.


AND THE FIRST THING THEY DID...
WHAT DID THEY DO?

THEY CAUGHT ALL OF THE JAPANESE FORCES IN THE ABYSS AND USED THEM AS RESOURCES.

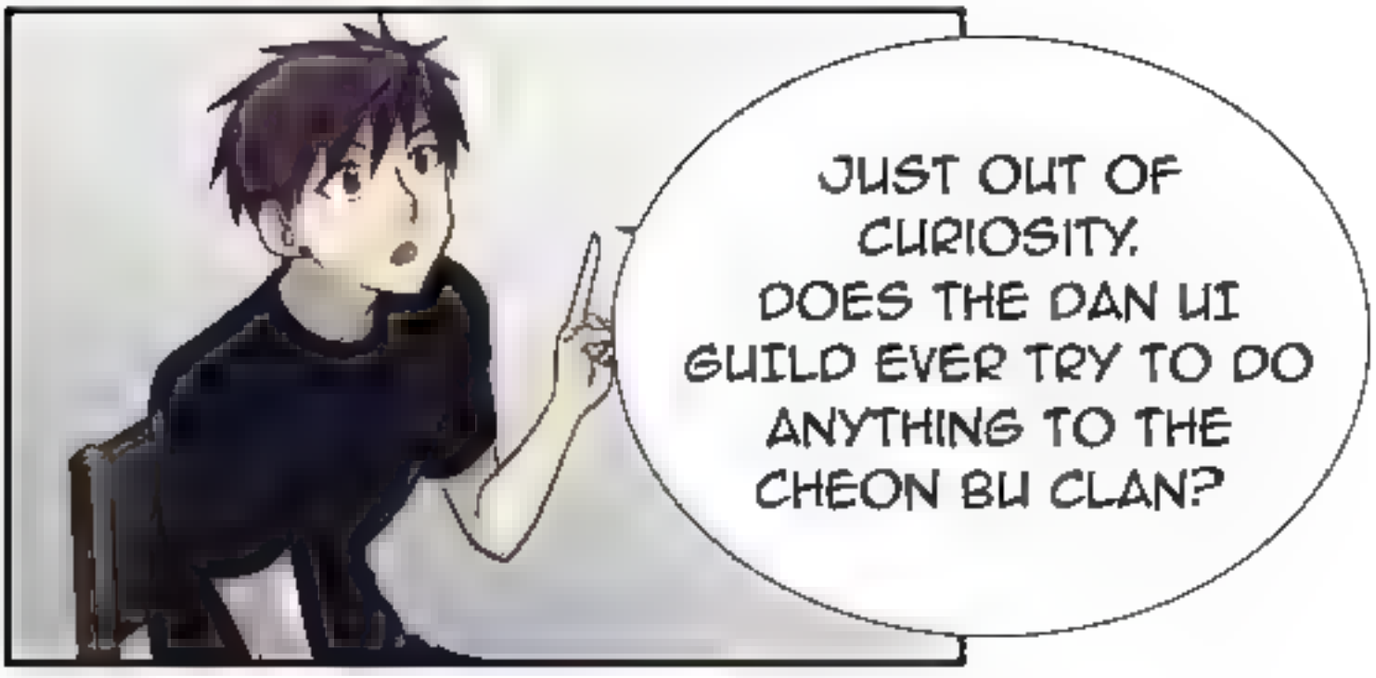
SHIVER


IT WAS NATURAL FOR THE ABYSS FORCES TO GET INVOLVED DURING THE OCCUPATION OF KOREA.
THERE WAS A TON OF BACKUPS, FOR SURE...

AH....

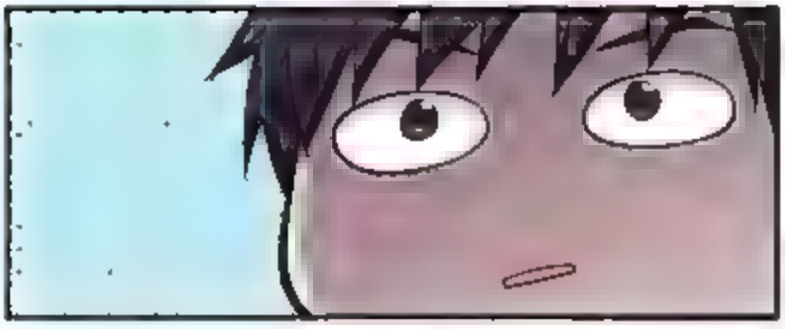
THAT'S WHY THERE AREN'T ANY MAJOR JAPANESE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ABYSS. THEY WERE EXTERMINATED.
AND THE DAN LI GUILD PERIODICALLY LAUNCHES RAIDS ON JAPANESE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ABYSS.

THIS IS A BIG DEAL...
ANYWAY, THE DAN UI GUILD AND US ARE AFTER THE SAME THING.
WE JUST DIFFER IN OUR METHODOLOGIES.


JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY. DOES THE DAN UI GUILD EVER TRY TO DO ANYTHING TO THE CHEON BU CLAN?

THEY CAN'T, SINCE WE, THE MAIN FAMILY, SUCCEED THE LINEAGE.
HUH? WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH THAT?

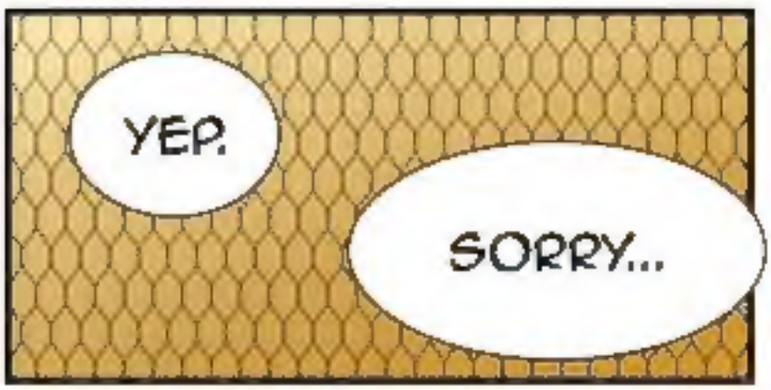
ONLY THE LEGITIMATE OF THE MAIN FAMILY CAN SUCCEED THE SWORD OF DAN,
AND A SUCCESSOR OF CHEON BU CLAN BY BLOOD CAN'T OPPOSE THE SWORD.

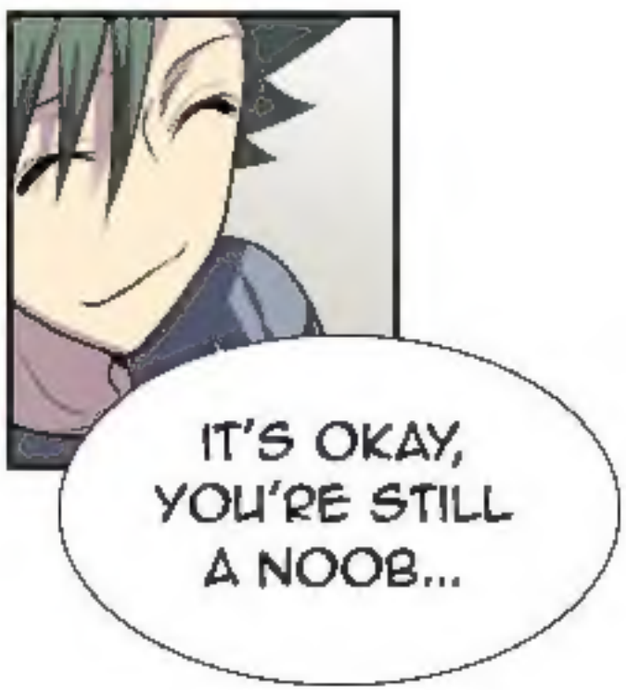


WOW...
THIS IS SOME
MAJOR NEWS.
BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
WHAT IS THE
SWORD OF DAN?

SIGH

EVERYONE IN THE ABYSS KNOWS ABOUT THIS...
HUH? REALLY?


YEP.
SORRY...


IT'S OKAY, YOU'RE STILL A NOOB...

ANYWAY, THE SWORD OF DAN WAS FIRST BROUGHT DOWN TO EARTH BY HWANUNG HIMSELF.
PEOPLE OFTEN TALK ABOUT THE "SWORD OF KING DANGUN."
THAT IS THE SWORD.

THIS,

THIS IS INCREDIBLE!

WHAT'S THIS? THIS IS A REALLY COOL EXPLANATION!!

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